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Note from the Consul General

Dear friends,

It has been such a pleasure to see many of you our events over the last three months. The visits of Conductor Marin Alsop, Peter Brookes, and Daniel Griswold were successes in large part due to your participation and support. We at Consulate General Perth look forward to cooperating on more events soon. Warm regards,

Robin

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USS Nimitz Visit to Perth

DVC on Iran: Nuclear Proliferation

U.S. Visiting Speaker on China, Dr. Bates Gill

PERTH PERSPECTIVES

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Fourth of July Celebration

Deputy Premier Eric Ripper, representing the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition's representative Ray Halligan, and the Consul General toasted the close ties between the United States and Australia at a Fourth of July celebration breakfast on July 5 at the Old Swan Brewery.



Opera singers Andrew Moran and Renae Martin — both finalists for Opera Foundation Australia's prestige New York Study Award — sang the national anthems and American show tunes for the 300 guests.



Barry Fehlberg and Sandy Lovell lent their 1959 Ford Fairlane (left, w. the CG) to dress up the event, which was ably officiated by Commander Rich Tilghman.

September 11 Commemoration Events

U.S. Consulate General Perth co-hosted three events to remember those who were killed in the attacks in New York and Washington on September 11, 2001. We supported the visit of American conductor Marin Alsop to Perth to conduct “On the Transmigration of Souls” by American conductor John Adams. The West Australian Symphony Orchestra performed the piece, which Adams wrote to create a “memory space” for the victims of 9/11, on the evenings of September 9 and 10. Choirs from three Perth high schools joined a large volunteer adult choir and the symphony for the performances. Ms Alsop was also the guest of honor at a reception for Perth’s arts community at the Consul General’s residence.



American conductor Marin Alsop, CG McClellan and Australian American Association President Max Kay

Approximately seventy enthusiastic participants joined in the United Nations Association/Consulate General tree planting ceremony in memory of the victims of the September 11 attacks. The Consul General and the President of the WA United Nations Association, Jan Ryan, gave brief remarks. Members of the UN Association, the Australian

American Association, the American Women’s Club, and the North American Veterans Unit then joined consulate staff and land council experts in planting about 500 trees. Students from the Australian School for International Education and members of Australia’s only Boy Scout troop also participated, as did visitors to Perth from Japan and the Congo.



James and Madeleine Naylor-Pratt help out the Consul General at the UN Association’s Remembrance Tree Planting ceremony



Bishop David Kyme, Rabbi David Freilich and Imam Abdul Jalil Ahmad (left) joined the Consul General and approximately 40 participants for the evening remembrance service hosted by the Consulate General at ANZAC Cottage in Mount Hawthorn. The Consul General and the religious leaders gave short remarks, as did the head of the North American Veterans Unit and a representative of the Australian American Association. A candle-lit event closed with a moment of silence at 8:46pm, to coincide with the timing of the impact of the first plane four years ago.

Opening of Murdoch College Multicultural Day



Murdoch University representative Brett Blacher, Murdoch student Mira Nair, CG McClellan and Student Guild President Channel Coleman.

The Student Guild of Murdoch College invited the Consul General to be the Guest of Honor and open the school's Multicultural Day on September 13. Approximately 800 students and 100 faculty and parents attended the event. The Consul General invited the students to examine the stereotypes we hold about each other. She also discussed ways we can break down divisions



Above: The Statue of Liberty made an appearance in the Murdoch parade of students.

between groups through education and outreach, and encouraged the students to interact with others from different backgrounds. Murdoch College's students hail from 28 different countries. The largest non-Australian student populations at Murdoch College are from Malaysia, Singapore, China and Indonesia.

Retirement Ceremony for CDR Rich Tilghman



CDR Richard & Mrs. Julie Tilghman

On Friday, September 16, Consul General Robin McClellan hosted a retirement ceremony and reception at her home for CDR Richard Tilghman who retired from the U.S. Navy after having served his country for 25 years.

During his distinguished career with the U.S. Navy, Rich was the recipient of many decorations and personal

awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, Naval Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Royal Australian Air Force Chief of Staff Commendation and various unit and campaign medals.

Guests at the reception included Rich's parents, LCDR Taylor and Mrs. Helen Tilghman, who flew from Hawaii

for this special occasion. Also present were Rich's wife Julie and their two sons, Zachary and Nathan.

This retirement ceremony was a momentous occasion and many personal tributes were paid to Rich from many colleagues and friends who attended.



LCDR Taylor & Mrs. Helen Tilghman



Piping in the Ceremony Participants

Consulate General Visitors to Perth

Visiting Speaker Peter Brookes, August 2, 2005



Mr. Peter Brookes, Senior Fellow for National Security Affairs & Director of the Asian Studies Center at the Heritage Foundation, kicked off his Perth visit with a tour d'horizon presentation to 70 guests at a breakfast hosted by the Australian American Association (AAA). The group included Western Australian senators, Liberal Party leaders, lawyers, law enforcement and military personnel, and business executives. The Royal Australian Navy jazz band provided pre and post-speech entertainment. Mr. Brookes outlined what he saw as the five main areas of foreign policy concern of the Bush Administration — The War on Terror, Iraq, Iran, North Korea and China — and spoke about the primary issues for the U.S. with each.

Mr. Brookes with AAA President Mr. Max Kay

At a morning tea hosted by Future Directions International (FDI), Mr. Brookes again spoke of the five main areas of focus of the Bush Administration. The morning tea brought together approximately 40 senior academics, government officials and business figures, including the Lord Mayor of Perth and elected state representatives.



FDI's Mr. Craig Lawrence and Mr. Peter Brookes



Dr. Samina Yasmeen, AIIA Pres, Dr. Sue Boyd and Dr. Ken Morgan

Mr. Brookes delivered a lecture on, "The Second Bush Administration and the Asia-Pacific Region" at an event co-hosted by the Political Science & International Relations Division at the University of Western Australia and the Australian Institute of International Affairs. The audience was comprised of approximately 80 students, legal practitioners and business representatives. Mr. Brookes used this occasion to underscore that the two enemies in the fight against terrorism are "Al Qaida and complacency", and that twenty-six countries have suffered terrorist attacks since 9/11. He emphasized that international cooperation involving the sharing of intelligence is critical.

Approximately thirty alumni of U.S. Exchange Programs, including the Chancellor of Curtin University, attended a reception at the Consul General's Residence to meet and talk with Mr. Brookes. The guests ended up "lobbying the lobbyist," as they encouraged Mr. Brookes to support the Fulbright and International Visitor programs, citing their own "life-changing" experiences and subsequent and ongoing affiliation with the United States that grew out of their participation in these exchange programs.



Guests at the alumni reception

Visiting Speaker Daniel Griswold, August 15-16, 2005



Mr. Daniel Griswold, Director of Trade Policy Studies at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC, also visited Perth in August. He spoke at a lunchtime event hosted by the Pro Vice Chancellor and Executive Dean at Curtin University of Technology's School of Business and attended by thirty faculty members. His talk, "Trade Liberalization and Agreements in a Global Economy", touched on how free trade benefits every country — it is a win-win for all. Mr. Griswold also addressed the rise of China as an economic power and argued that economic development will benefit the people of China and improve human rights and the possibility of political reform.

The Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry WA, Mr. John Langoulant, hosted Mr. Griswold and Consulate General staff at a private boardroom afternoon tea with thirty high-profile Trade Committee members. Mr. Griswold spoke on, "The Role of FTAs in Promoting Global Open Markets". He talked of how free trade opens up markets abroad and "builds a better world". He again touched on the main issues playing out in Australia including the rise of China as an economic power.



Boardroom Discussion at CCI



WAFF President Trevor de Landgraaf with Mr. Griswold.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia (RASWA) hosted a breakfast for Mr. Griswold with Presidents and organizers from their society, the WA Farmers Federation (WAFF), the Pastoralists & Graziers Association (PGA) and the Consul General and Consulate staff. The breakfast provided an opportunity for Mr. Griswold to meet and discuss issues with agricultural leaders in the State of Western Australia. Following the breakfast, RASWA hosted a morning tea address that included forty representatives of the rural sector. The event was co-badged with WAFF and PGA.

Mr. Griswold then went on to speak at a lunch meeting hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce. Thirty senior executives from the financial and banking sectors, primary industry, and the legal profession explored the rise of China, the importance of agriculture in the next Doha round, and the merits of bilateral vs. multilateral trade agreements.

At an afternoon lecture hosted by the University of Western Australia's Confucius Institute, Mr. Griswold spoke on, "The Australian/China FTA and its Impact on U.S. Relations for the Three Nations". The event drew together ninety academics, government officials, diplomats, and business figures.

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CONSULAR SECTION IS BUSY!

DURING THE MONTHS JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER
RESPECTIVELY, THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE US
CONSULATE HANDLED THE FOLLOWING:

VISAS: 235, 238, 175

PASSPORTS: 79, 76, 64

BIRTHS: 10, 11, 7

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<http://perth.usconsulate.gov>

ANOUTCHKA'S TRIVIA QUESTION

Anouchka Payet, Receptionist for the American Consulate

Q. What current branch of the U.S. military was a corps of only 50 personnel when World War 1 broke out?

LAST TRIVIA QUESTION:

Q. When did Congress first appear on television?

A. 1947, during the opening session of the 80th Congress.

Foreign Service Exam

The Foreign Service exam is open to any American citizen under the age of 55 years. For information on joining the Foreign Service, the Foreign Service exam, or when the next exam is taking place, please visit:

<http://www.careers.state.gov/officer/>

Digital Video Conferences

Millennium Challenge Account DVC



Above: Australian Red Cross Senior Manager Nawaz Mahmood and Lindsay Dorman, Secretary of the UN Association of Australia (WA)

The Digital Video Conference on “Implementing the Millennium Challenge Account and other International Aid Initiatives” drew an audience in Perth of 50 key stakeholders, including a Federal Senator and a Member of State Parliament, members of the United Nations Association of Australia, and other NGO representatives, academics and university students, and high school students and teachers. U.S. speaker Dr Patrick Cronin, senior Vice President and Director of Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, delivered insightful remarks on the subject and there was a general appreciation in the audience for his in-depth knowledge. At the conclusion of the program, one guest commented that the DVCs are a good way to receive information from “the horse’s mouth” and an excellent opportunity for networking.

Dr. Akbar Ahmed of American University participates in launch of the Centre for Muslim States and Societies at the University of Western Australia

The Consulate General sponsored the DVC participation of Dr. Akbar S. Ahmed of American University in the launch of the Centre for Muslim States and Societies at the University of Western Australia on August 17. Dr. Samina Yasmeen, the director of the new organization, said there was considerable student interest in these symposiums because students are concerned with what’s going on in the world and want to understand this issue better. Approximately 250 academics, students and community members attended the event. Dr. Ahmed, a former Pakistani diplomat and author on Islam concentrated on the idea that many civilizations today feel “under siege” — Muslims have this feeling, both in majority countries and its minorities in the west, as do those many western societies affected by terrorism. He advocated interfaith dialogue, and for everyone to read more about each other’s religion and perspective, and to create friendship. Dr. Ahmed received a standing ovation from some of those present.



Thinking of Traveling to Hong Kong?

The Sixth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization will take place in Hong Kong from December 11 to December 18, 2005. This will create an influx of nearly 14,000 delegates and numerous other entities. Consulate General Hong Kong advises us that most hotels on Hong Kong Island and in Southern Kowloon are already fully booked for that time period. Tourists may wish to plan their travels accordingly.

U.S./Australia Affinity Groups

Interested in meeting other Americans? Are you an Australian or resident with special ties to the United States? Just want to meet some fun people? On of these groups should fit you to a "T".

The American Women's Club (open to women of all nationalities) - AWC President Virginia Limberg - 9474 2213 or www.AWCPerth.org

American Chamber of Commerce WA - AmCham WA General Manager Penelope Williamson - 9325 9540

The Australian American Association - Membership Coordinator Richard Adams - 9284 6288

The North American Veterans' Unit - NAVU President Joan Gravelle 0421 420 498

CG Takes Oath from US Citizen

On July 13, U.S. Citizen Dr. Peter Lacey took his citizenship oath witnessed by Consul General McClellan.



Dr. Lacey's mother was a U.S. citizen, and Dr. Lacey was registered as a U.S. citizen at birth in London in

Dr. Lacey with CG McClellan

1950. Having spent all his life traveling on a British passport, Dr. Lacey only recently checked with the Consulate General and found his U.S. citizenship was still valid. He is now the proud holder of a U.S. passport. If you or someone you know have questions about potential citizenship, please call Mary on extension 403.

U.S. University Exchange Officers Visit Perth

Consul General McClellan spoke to a delegation of 12 academics and admission officers from several U.S. universities who visited Perth from September 25 to 29. The visit was an important building block for strengthening relationships between education institutions in the U.S. and Western Australia. The CG spoke about her own experiences as an exchange student and stressed the educational opportunities available for exchange students in WA at the event hosted by Perth Education City. Embassy Canberra Media Officer Nancy Szalwinski also attended the briefing.

Representatives of Arizona State, Kent State, Penn State, Hawaii Pacific University, Bethel University, the University of North Dakota, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Mount St. Mary's College, the University of Richmond (VA), American University, and Embry-Riddle participated in the tour.



Above: U.S. Study Exchange Familiarization Tour delegates.

APEC Asia Pacific Gas Forum



Australian host Arthur Dickson, CG McClellan, FERC Commissioner Nora Brownell & Energy DAS James Slutz

U.S. Federal Energy Commissioner Nora Brownell and Deputy Assistant Secretary James Slutz from the U.S. Department of Energy participated in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Asia Pacific Gas Forum (APGas) September 1-2. The Consul General and the Western Australian Minister for State Development and Energy were the keynote speakers at the opening event. Ms Brownell gave a luncheon speech on developments in the U.S. market, and Mr. Slutz served as a panel discussant on "What Importers and Exporters Need." John Warner of Embassy Canberra also participated in the forum.

The Consul General spoke about the importance of APEC and its goals of cooperation and open trade in the region. She also gave a quick overview of the U.S. 2005 Energy Bill and explained the goals of the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate. The audience of approximately 130 included representatives of 15 APEC member economies.

Commissioner Brownell presents remarks on Developments in the US Gas Market.



Ignite: Young Leaders!/UWA Politics Club Seminar

On July 23, at the University of Western Australia, the Consul General delivered remarks on the U.S. contribution and role in rebuilding Iraq, including economic, military, political and humanitarian contributions. She spoke of the U.S. role in the rebuilding process and the debate about the United States' continued and increasing commitments. The Deputy Director at the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Susan Allen, spoke of Australia's contribution in rebuilding Iraq. Simon Hall moderated the event. Col. Harpal Ahluwalia of the Australian Red Cross delivered remarks on International Humanitarian Law in relation to the War in Iraq, and Dr. Samina Yasmeen, Director of the Center for the Muslim States & Society spoke on the Muslim position and perception of the war in Iraq.



Busselton Oral History Group's Launch of "Reflections of the Jetty"



Above: Trenwyn and Cheryl Fahey



Above: Laurie & Deb Delahunty with Margaret Buswell against the Perth skyline

On September 22, Consul General McClellan hosted a reception for historians, academics, and journalists in recognition of The Busselton Oral History Group's new book, "Reflections of the Jetty". The Consul General's involvement recognized the close involvement of the American whaling fleets in the early development of the Geographe Bay area and the ongoing close ties with the United States. The following week, the Consul General visited Busselton, speaking to a combined meeting of Rotary, Lions, and Business and Professional Women clubs. She also gave remarks at the formal launch of the book on September 29.

"Reflections of the Jetty" traces aspects of work and recreation focusing on the Busselton Jetty during the years from 1830 until 2004. The presence of the United States has been recognized as significant in the development of what has become such a vibrant part of Western Australia.



The authors: From left Anna Micha, Sue Brown, Marian Brockway Horridge, Sue Firkins, Arthur Cunniffe



Alan Horridge (Busselton Oral History Society President), Marin Brockway Horridge (author) and Margaret Tickle

Discussion on “Understanding Australian Perceptions of America”

“Learn to listen” was the advice developed during a September 27 discussion in Perth among alumni of U.S. exchange visitor programs. Participants held varying views about the degree of antipathy toward America in Australia, with positions ranging from “We feel comfortable ‘bagging’ America because that is what we do to our friends,” to “Public opinion has shifted measurably against the U.S.” Suggestions regarding what “we” can do to improve Australian perceptions of America and American policy included:

- Research perceptions across Australian age groups and backgrounds to develop a better understanding of what Australians think of America;
- Expand education exchange programs such as Fulbright, but also general study abroad programs, Rotary and others;
- Encourage Australians to tune into programs such as the McNeil-Lehrer Newshour that present US views of current issues; and
- “Listen, listen, listen.”

And more...



Guests at the AAA Independence Day Breakfast

July, August & September were full months — the Consul General also delivered remarks at the following events: **July 3** — Australian American Association Independence Day Breakfast at The Melbourne Hotel; American Women’s Club Independence Day Picnic at the Nedlands Yacht Club; Opera Foundation New York Award Concert. **July 21** — Young Liberals’ Breakfast, on the US-Australia relationship. **July 27** — Curtin University on De-

velopments in APEC. **July 29** — Rotary Club of Perth on the US-Australia Free Trade Agreement. **August 3** — University of Notre Dame US Student Orientation luncheon on What to Expect in WA. **August 5**— Australian Islamic College students on the U.S. Constitution. **August 7** — United Nations Association Annual General Meeting on American Interests in Southeast Asia. **August 11**— Small dinner at residence in honor of Governor and Mrs. John Sanderson. **Sept. 6**—American Women’s Club Founders’ Day lunch on U.S. Australia relations and careers in int’l. relations.



CG McClellan with former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam at a John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library lecture, July 5 at Curtin University.

Press Coverage of Consulate General Events in this quarter included: **July 1**—CG one-hour interview on ABC Regional Radio. **Aug. 2**—ABC Radio with Visiting Speaker Peter Brookes. **Aug. 22**—CG 1/2 hour interview on Access 31 TV. **Sept. 11**— Most TV stations covered the September 11 Tree Planting, ABC radio interview with CG, Western Australian print story on Tree Planting. **Sept.**—SCOOP magazine interview with CG. **Sept. 2**—Western Australian story on US speeches at APGas Forum. **Sept. 21**—Retirement of CDR Rich Tighlman in Sunday Times and suburban papers. **Aug. 25** Farm Weekly print story with Visiting Speaker Daniel Griswold.